

SCANDAL IN KEARNY.

R. & Fredericks Indicted for Alleged Conspiracy and Blackmail.

He Pleaded Guilty and Then Changed It to Not Guilty.

Three Brooklyn Men Involved in a Liquor License Squabble.

A sensational case of alleged conspiracy and blackmail, in which three reputable citizens of Brooklyn and the members of the Excise Committee of the Township Committee of Kearny, N. J., are implicated, has been disclosed by the arraignment of Bernard J. Fredericks, editor of a newspaper published in Kearny Township, in the Hudson County Court of General Sessions, before Judge Robert S. Hudspeth.

Editor Fredericks has entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment found against him, and Judge Hudspeth postpones fixing an early date for the trial. The Brooklyn men wanted as witnesses in the case are: Dr. George Clinton Jeffrey, a physician of twenty years' standing, residing at 342 Jefferson street; Robert Ward, a real estate broker, 100 Montague street, and 235 Fulton street; and Nathan Kaplan, a real estate dealer, of 60 Halcyon street.

Mr. Kaplan is the owner of a large hotel in Arlington, a portion of Kearny Township. Some months ago he leased the place to a fascinating widow, who represented herself to be Mrs. Lizzie E. Harrar, the proposed, she said, opening a temperance boarding-house.

When Mrs. Harrar found that a temperance house did not pay she made an application to the Excise Committee of the Kearny Township Committee for a license. The application was promptly refused as the first.

Mrs. Harrar alleges that Sept. 12 last she was approached by two men, one of whom, she subsequently learned, was Fredericks. She says the following conversation resulted:

"Who works for you?" asked Fredericks.

"Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Barrett," the widow replied.

"Don't you know you can't get a license gratuitously," continued Fredericks.

On the 14th of the month she drove to the hotel, she says, in company with Robert Ward, of Brooklyn. They met Dr. Jeffrey and Mr. Kaplan and repaired to a private room.

Shortly afterwards, she says, Dr. Jeffrey rushed out, apparently angry because Mr. Kaplan refused to give some individual, then unknown to her, for which he agreed to obtain a license, for the hotel.

Dr. Jeffrey in an affidavit, now in the custody of the prosecutor of the Pleas Charles H. Windfield, swears that he was dining with Messrs. Kaplan and Ward at the hotel when a tall, thin man entered and announced:

"Can get the license if \$150 is given me for each member of the Kearny Township Committee."

"How?" asked the doctor.

"Why, I have the members of the Board under my thumb. They do as I please me," asserted the tall thin man, now said to have been Editor Fredericks.

"Are you sure you can obtain the license?" again queried the doctor.

"As sure as there is a God in heaven," was the emphatic reply.

Mr. Kaplan swears that the man referred to by Dr. Jeffrey told him that

the license would be all right if the "long green" was produced. The monetary consideration was not acted upon at that meeting.

In some way the story reached the Township Committee, and Counsel Joseph Parker was directed to secure all the evidence possible.

Dr. Jeffrey, Mr. Ward and Messrs. Ward and Kaplan related the occurrence to Mr. Parker, and subsequently by affidavit before the Hudson County Grand Jury.

Fredericks was promptly indicted and arrested. He has retained Judge Thomas Noonan to defend him. By advice of his counsel he first entered a plea of guilty before Judge Hudspeth late yesterday afternoon.

Judge Noonan moved for the quashing of the indictment for the alleged blackmail, on the ground that it could not be established.

Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Noonan ridiculed the contention, and said that the facts in the case, as sworn to by three reputable citizens of Brooklyn, warranted the accused being placed on trial as speedily as possible.

Judge Hudspeth ruled that the indictment was sound in every particular. A plea of not guilty was then entered.

Prosecutor Windfield, who will conduct the case, stated that, owing to the principal witnesses being beyond the jurisdiction of the court, the case will be tried before Judge Hudspeth at Kearny.

Fredericks says the affidavits of his accusers are false. He further asserts that some startling revelations will be made at his trial.

It was learned officially reported this morning that the Hudson County Grand Jury will make a thorough investigation of the management of affairs in Kearny.

Say They Stole the Gas.

Abraham Leon, owner of the Essex apartment-house, at 45 West 110th street, and his employee, Patrick Costello, of 41 Columbia avenue, were held in 100 hall by Justice Ryan in the Yorkville Police Court this morning, charged with stealing gas from the building.

They were using the gas without allowing it to pass through the meter.

They Bought Green-Goods.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 25.—C. F. Brandt and E. J. Brandt, who say they are sons of the Mayor of Newburgh, were hauled out of 120 West 110th street, charged with buying green-goods in the city.

They were taken to the station and released after paying a \$100 fine.

Nebraska Cautious a Fugitive.

TOMAS, Neb., Jan. 25.—W. J. Zerkow, cashier of the State Bank of Milligan, has fled. As far as can be learned, Zerkow is short in his accounts a considerable amount. A reward has been offered for his capture.

Got Off on a Light Charge.

Patrolman Behr, of the West 110th street station, arrested three men last night at Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue, who had a drunken man in a hallway. They were John Quinn, Edward Mark and Thomas King. This morning in the Jefferson Market Court Justice Sims fined them \$10 each for disorderly conduct.

A Pocketbook Thief Caught.

Herbert Moxon, of 142 West Nineteenth street, a waiter at the Union Square Hotel, was arrested this morning charged with highway robbery. He snatched a pocketbook from Miss Ella Cowing, of 161 West Tenth street, on Eighth avenue. Justice Sims held him in \$100 for trial.

Diamond Thief Remanded.

Edward Brooks, of 512 Wythe avenue, Brooklyn, who confessed to having robbed the jewelry store of Mrs. Lynch, at 123 Broadway on Jan. 15, was remanded this morning to the Jefferson Market Court to await the arrest of his accomplice.

THE BEST

MOUTH AND TOOTH WASH KNOWN.

MEDICAL NOVELTY CO., 21 West 23d St.

BREAD SELLS AT FOUR CENTS.

The Wholesale Bakers' Association Finally Yields to the Inevitable.

END OF A STUBBORN BATTLE.

"The Evening World" Shares the Glory of Victory with a Few Honest Bakers.

WHO HELPED BY CUTTING PRICES

Large and Small Loaves Now Sold to Consumers at One Cent Reduction.

The public can now buy its bread for a cent a loaf and "The Evening World's" great fight for cheap bread is won.

The Wholesale Bakers' Association of this city and Brooklyn, has finally surrendered and reduced the price of their loaves 1 cent, making the wholesale price to grocers and dealers, 3 cents a loaf.

The price of the large two-pound loaf has also been reduced a cent. The wholesale price was formerly 5 cents. It is now 7 cents a loaf. The retailers now sell it for 8, instead of 9 cents as formerly.

The Wholesale Bakers' Association has stood out for a long while for this one extra cent.

Day after day for weeks "The Evening World" conducted and printed the results of a series of investigations which showed that the price of flour had fallen to a point lower than ever before in the history of the country, though the price of bread remained just as high as ever.

Figures were printed proving that the bakers could reduce the price of their loaves and still have a handsome profit on their sales.

The wholesale bakers had no reasonable or sound arguments to advance in defense of their position. Their claims that everything relating to their business, with the exception of flour, cost as much as formerly, were untenable.

But there was certainly more truth than poetry in the claim which they later made, that they did not sell as much bread as when flour was higher. If they could not discover the cause of this, others could, and did.

The price of flour was so cheap in comparison with the price of bread that the retail grocers began to neglect the sale of the latter, and to persuade their customers, especially the poorer class, to buy flour and do their own baking.

A MURDEROUS BOOTBLACK.

One of the Quarrelling Partners May Die of His Wound.

John Carlo, an Italian bootblack, of 63 Front street, was stabbed in the back by his partner this morning, and will probably die.

They kept a stand at Washington and Concord streets. They quarreled this morning over a contest at bowling. The knife penetrated Carlo's left lung. His assailant, whose full name is unknown, escaped.

New Company Incorporated.

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—The Campbell Biscuit Manufacturing Company, capital \$15,000; directors, A. R. Campbell, North Campbell and R. A. Learned, all of New York, filed a certificate with secretary of State today.

WANT BELL KEPT IN.

Mayor Strong Asked to Retain Him as a Park Commissioner.

Mayor Strong was visited this forenoon by a committee from W. B. Hancock Post, G. A. R., and was requested to retain Edward Bell as Park Commissioner. The request was in line with a resolution adopted recently by the post, endorsing Mr. Bell's work in reinstating as veterans who had been discharged from the Park Department.

Mayor Strong said he would give the matter his attention.

Another committee, representing the West End Association, asked the Mayor to appoint Cyrus Clark as a member of the Park Board. The committee left with the Mayor several petitions from other organizations to the same effect.

Mayor Strong said he had known Mr. Clark many years, and would be pleased to appoint him. He promised to read the petitions carefully.

ELECTION DAY NEGLECTS.

The City Club Cuts Out Work for the Grand Jury.

Lawyer H. P. Olin, of the City Club, today handed in the names of 75 poll clerks and election inspectors who served in November, together with affidavits charging them with violation of the election laws in neglect of their duty.

He asked that the witnesses in each case be subpoenaed to go before the County Grand Jury next week, that indictments might be found against the accused men.

Secretary Fryer, of the City Club, at the same time submitted to the District Attorney the names of 40 men, and the people in the County Jail, that they were guilty of illegal registration.

These cases will be attended to next week by the County Grand Jury.

They are said to be of so strong a nature that indictments will follow in nearly every case.

KILBOY GIVES IT UP.

Decides Not to Contest the Election of Brown for Alderman.

The Aldermanic Committee on Contested Seats met this morning in the Council Chamber, ready to proceed with the taking of evidence in the contest of William H. Kilboy against Alderman Nicholas T. Brown for the seat now occupied by the Tammany Alderman from the Second District.

To everybody's surprise Mr. Kilboy announced that he had decided not to contest the election of Mr. Brown. He said that his business partner was an old man, and that he would not be able to give proper attention to the duties of Alderman should he be successful in ousting Alderman Brown.

Brown was elected by a plurality of 25 votes.

HE IS THE MAYOR'S FRIEND.

Rev. Dr. Iglehart Didn't Mean What Was Said He Said.

Rev. Dr. Ferdinand Iglehart, of the Committee of the Methodist Preachers' Association, that called on Mayor Strong yesterday, said to-day that he had been misunderstood as saying that the Mayor's reception of the liquor dealers was only a dress parade, and that it was done for the purpose of gaining a few votes for the Republican party.

Mr. Iglehart declares he did not mean any such thing, but referred to the call of the preachers as a dress parade, as the fighting would all be done at Albany.

He did not, he said, wish to be placed in the light of antagonizing the Mayor, when, in fact, he was his friend.

STRONG GOES WITH PLATT.

To Discuss Local Legislation with Gov. Morton at Albany.

A BIG POW-WOW ON TUESDAY.

Strong Says Platt's Attitude is in Thorough Accord with His Own Ideas.

HOW LAUTERBACH WAS NAMED.

The Excise Bill Does Not Embody Strong's Sunday Opening Views.

Mayor Strong and Thomas C. Platt will go to Albany next Monday to discuss local legislation with Gov. Morton.

They will dine with Gov. and Mrs. Morton Monday night, and will devote a part of Tuesday to a conference with the Governor. Mr. Strong says he will not appear before any committee while at the capital, and will return to New York next Wednesday.

Further legislation relating to this city will be mapped out, and altogether it will be the most important conference which has been held for a long time.

Mr. Platt sent his messenger to the Mayor's office this afternoon to find out what time Mr. Strong intended to leave for Albany.

The long statement of Mr. Platt, which was published this morning, was a subject upon which Mayor Strong was disposed to talk freely this afternoon. A great many of the Boss's statements were confirmed by the Mayor.

"When Mr. Platt says that he is in sympathy with me, and that I will have his support in a non-partisan administration, he tells the truth, so far as I am able to judge."

"I have had but two conversations with him since my election, and both times I have had his assurance that he would give me his cordial support in my efforts to make good my pledge to keep partisanship out of my administration."

"I have no reason to change my mind since then as to his sincerity, and I have stated before that Mr. Platt's attitude has been one of thorough accord with my ideas."

"I speak of Mr. Platt as I know him from his own statements to me, and I have not said anything since I have been in office which could be construed as conveying the impression that I

TOCALL PLATT DOWN.

Mass-Meeting Wanted to Give Backbone to the Legislature.

Good Government Men Don't Like a Bi-Partisan Police Bill.

Strong Views Expressed by "Evening World" Correspondents.

That the people are aroused against Boss Platt's scheme of having a bi-partisan Police Commission is evident from the fact that numerous letters have been received at "The Evening World" office suggesting that there should be a mass-meeting in Cooper Union to protest against the passage of the Police Reorganization bill, introduced in the Legislature by Senator Lexow.

There evidently is a feeling in the public mind that Republican politicians are endeavoring to place the reform victory of November as a credit in the profit account of their own ledger, and this is something which on every count, "loot the independent voters who elected Mayor Strong will not tolerate."

In the various reform clubs of the city the opinion prevails that the issue which reformers should now take up in order to show to Platt that Parkhurst is still a factor in the Bi-Partisan bill. A single-headed Commission is what Dr. Parkhurst has had in mind since he opened his fight against police corruption three years ago; and in order that he may know the people are with him, and that Platt may be given notice that there is no necessity for a mass-meeting.

Among those who favor this plan is W. Harris Roome, a Good Government Club leader, who, although a Republican on National questions, views the G. O. P.'s assumption in undertaking to use the reform victory for the advantage of parliament as unwarranted.

"We owe it to the reform officials we elected," he said, "to show to them that we are with Dr. Parkhurst in his stand against a bi-partisan Police Commission. If reformers remained silent now their silence might be construed into submission to Platt's will, if no protest is made. It is argued that it is some order that it may be definitely known that this scheme of arranging for a division of spoils between two parties does not meet with the approval of the citizens of New York, and the proper thing to do is to have a mass-meeting."

"I have heard a number of prominent men express this same view, but it seems that no one is going ahead with the plan. All that is needed is some one to arrange for such a mass-meeting. At the same time the meeting will give heart to any members of the Legislature who are willing to fight for a single-headed Commission."

"The trouble with reform movements is that there is usually no definite plan formulated for resisting the fruits of victory. Now is the time to reform fight that resulted in the overthrow of Tammany."

Contractors Don't Like the Law.

Postmaster Dayton headed a delegation of contractors who called on Mayor Strong this morning, to obtain his influence to bring about the repeal of the law compelling them to have building stone dressed within the limits of the State, instead of at the quarries where the work can be done more cheaply. The Mayor declined to commit himself, but said he would give a public hearing at a future date.

Tapen and Clausen Call, Too.

Park Commissioners Clausen and Tapen called on Mayor Strong to-day and talked for half an hour. They said their conversation had nothing to do with the Speedway, but related to what the object of their visit was.

New Man May Break Deadlock.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 25.—One ballot was taken to-day in the United States Senatorial fight without result. It is believed that the deadlock will be broken early next week by the selection of a compromise candidate—possibly Harry A. Richardson, who was the Republican candidate for Governor in 1890.

More-Blake Contest Goes Over.

The More-Blake election contest, which was set for hearing to-day, was adjourned until next week. Chairman Knapp telegraphed from Albany that it was impossible for the members of the Assembly Committee on Privileges and Elections to be present.

Thought They Were Shot At.

One of the soldiers on duty near the Flatbush Depot accidentally discharged his musket this morning. A crowd of strikers, who were near by, threw several stones at the militiamen and then ran away.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL EXAMINATION BY FOUR STATES' INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS.

MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY

E. B. HARPER, President.

COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE.

New York City, January 24, 1895.

We, the Insurance Commissioners and Superintendents of the States of Illinois, Ohio, Texas and South Dakota, do hereby certify that we have been for the last two months engaged in an exhaustive and thorough examination of the books and accounts of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association and of all receipts and disbursements during the period extending from the 1st day of January, 1894, to the 13th day of November, 1894.

We further certify that we have carefully checked and proved all items; that the loans on bond and mortgage have been checked and verified; that stocks and bonds have been accounted for through receipts held for deposits; that cash on hand has been counted, and that cash deposited with sundry banks has been proved by the books of said banks or by proper certificates therefrom; that the real estate has been valued upon the basis of net rentals and from information derived from reliable sources, and that the operations of the Association have been subjected to a thorough examination in which every facility has been afforded us by the officers and managers, every book, record and source of information having been laid open to us without reservation.

We further certify that we find the Association possessed of admitted invested and non-invested assets on the said November 13th, 1894, to the amount of \$4,228,120.93, and of contingent mortuary assets to the amount of \$1,340,490.31, making gross assets as of said date to the amount of \$5,568,611.24; that against said assets we have charged actual liabilities to the amount of \$675,767.84 (including bonds but not bond statements) and contingent mortuary liabilities to the amount of \$1,175,041.32, making the surplus of the Association on basis of gross invested and non-invested assets \$3,552,353.09, and on basis of gross assets (contingent mortuary assets and liabilities being included) \$3,717,802.08.

We further certify that we have verified by a competent expert the value of the Association's interest in the building known as the Mutual Reserve Building, and that we are satisfied that its value is largely in excess of the amount at which it stands upon the Association's books. We further certify that we have made a very careful examination of the death claims paid by the Association during the period covered by this examination, and that we are of the opinion that the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association pays its death claims honorably and promptly, and that it does not in any case wilfully attempt to resist payment of any honest death claim that is made upon it; and that the work of the death claim department is handled with all possible dispatch and in such a way that the most critical can have no just cause or reasonable ground of complaint. While under the operation of the fundamental principle of the Association which calls for the collection after death of the sum required to pay a claim, there may be some seeming delay, payment is just as sure as with any other company or association, which fact is fully established by our examination. We further certify that we have made a personal examination of the methods of the Medical Department, and feel warranted in saying that the utmost care is exercised in the selection of risks, and that in this respect the Association will compare favorably with any other life insurance company or association. The financial statement furnished abundant proof of the healthy and prosperous condition of the Association, and the gradually increasing assets show prudence and economy. The Management, the public and the Members are to be warmly congratulated upon the solidity and security of the Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto sub-

scribed our respective names in

SEAL

the city of New York, the day

and year above written.

Franklin K. Dunham

Insurance Superintendent, State of Illinois, Chairman.

W. W. Hahn

Superintendent of Insurance, State of Ohio.

Jos. C. Hargrave

Insurance Commissioner and Examiner, State of Texas.

C. H. Anderson

Examiner, State of South Dakota.